

26 November 2021

The Hon Paul Fletcher MP Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts

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Subject: Revised Terms of Endorsement for the .au Domain Administration

Dear Minister Fletcher

Thank you for your letter of 19 November 2021 regarding the revised Terms of Endorsement for auDA's administration of Australia's country code Top Level Domain (.au ccTLD).

I confirm auDA's acceptance of the revised Terms, which highlight and support auDA's unique role as steward of Australia's critical Internet infrastructure.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reaffirm auDA's ongoing commitment to administering a trusted .au for the benefit of all Australians and championing an open, free, secure and global Internet.

As you are aware, since the government's 2017-18 review of auDA, the organisation has undertaken significant reforms to its management and governance framework. This includes:

- initiatives to enhance our accountability, transparency and to ensure the stability and resilience of the .au domain, including reviewing our licensing rules, developing an explicit compliance posture, and announcing a new Licensing Rule Review Panel
- deepening our engagement with stakeholders, including the industry, auDA
 members, academia and government and the broader community, including
 an increased number of stakeholder briefings, auDA-hosted events and industry
 partnerships.



Earlier this year we released our <u>2021-2025 Strategy</u>, that sets out our forward plan for administering a trusted .au for the benefit of all Australians. We will achieve this through the delivery of strategic projects, including those that:

- drive down DNS abuse and enhance the security and integrity of .au
- improve the utility of the .au by increasing choice in domain names for users
- promote multi-stakeholder Internet governance both nationally and internationally
- promote leading governance such as the adoption of integrated reporting.

We welcome the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to multi-stakeholder Internet governance, and to auDA as the administrator of the .au ccTLD. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with you, your department, other government departments and agencies, and non-government stakeholders to champion an open, free, secure, and global Internet.

Yours sincerely

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Chair auDA Board